

Hus Happenings

September 2007

Prayer requests and hospital visits

Please contact Marcia Funcke or Eleanor Harville with any prayer requests. You also can contact the office at 363-0067. You can leave a message on the answering machine if no one is available.

When you or a family member needs prayers or visits while in the hospital, please remember to call the office. Finding the time to call can be a hard thing to do. For someone from the church to respond to your needs, we need to know what they are. The hospital only notifies the church when the patient specifically indicates in check in that they have a church home. Sometimes that information can take a few days to get to us.

In this time of change, communication is the key to our success. Together we can work on improving the Hus Church Ministry. Thank you to everyone for the continuing prayers and dedication.

Attention members of Hus!!

There will be a gathering on September 10th at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for all those interested in being Shepherds or in ministering to the flock. Please contact Jean White at 365-2281 or Anne McDill at 396-1216 if you have any questions.

PULPIT FILLS FOR SEPTEMBER

- 2** Pastor Heather Hayes, communion served
- 9** Pastor Clint Twedt-Ball, Co-Director of the Matthew 25 Ministry Hub
- 16** Marcia Funcke
- 23** Pastor Daniel Hurt, communion served
- 30** BOOM Sunday, Terry Van Wyk

September Birthdays

- 5th Doug Page and Jenny Zahradnik
- 6th Christopher Ransom
- 7th Christian Wenger
- 8th Lovina Clark
- 9th Laura Abney
- 10th George Swenka and Lori Cranston
- 14th Lottie Louvar and Mary Landergott
- 16th Patricia Roethlisberger
- 17th Don McDill
- 18th Arlene Ewing
- 19th Madison Cranston
- 20th Shirley Neuhaus
- 21st Jill Brimeyer
- 23rd Eric Rod and Lauren Stevens
- 24th Wayne Stahle
- 28th Bernice Carnahan
- 29th Esther Cervený



September Anniversaries

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| 2 nd | Charles & Bonnie Tichy | 40 years |
| 3 rd | Harold & Ellen Skripsky | 61 years |
| 19 th | Mac & Judy McLaskey | 37 years |
| 20 th | Larry & Marilyn Hess | 27 years |
| 28 th | Mike & Joanne Hebert | 39 years |

CELEBRATING AN
Anniversary

Transportation provided by the Deacons

Please call the office by the Thursday to schedule a ride to church. A Deacon will return your call and arrange to pick you up and take you home following worship service.

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Website: www.huschurch.org

Officers for class of 2007 – 2008 - 2009

Session

2007	2008	2009
Judy McLaskey	Dolores Miessner	Doug Page
Mike Hebert	Anne McDill <i>(to finish Terry Van Wyk's term)</i>	Marcia Funcke
Bonnie Tichy	Joyce McGivern	Jean White

Deacons

2007	2008	2009
Sheryl Abbott	Wendy Barton	Jim Hutton
Karla Zahradnik	Amanda Trotman	Melissa Pierce
Ruby Klein	Grace Ford	Vacant
Joanne Hebert	Anita Koopman	Vacant

Trustees

2007	2008	2009
Alan Tichy	Don McDill	Eldie Svoboda
Clarence Walton	Vince Theiss	Dot Harrelson
Jack Funcke	Vacant	Mitchell Trotman



Risking a Foggy Road

The reason to forge ahead when your spiritual work becomes drudgery.
by Gordon MacDonald, *Leadership editor at large*

From my journal: To reach our New Hampshire home (called Peace Ledge) you have to leave a main state route and drive 6.2 miles on a secondary town road that has served our rural area for 250 (plus) years. Originally, the road was merely a footpath (courtesy of native Americans, probably) widened to accommodate colonial horses and buggies. Then, maybe thirty-five years ago, the road was daubed (and redaubed) with asphalt. But most of it was never drained properly with a supporting bed of gravel and stone. Result: severe frost heaves in late winter, and summertime potholes and cracks which can ruin a tire faster than you can say "*global warming*" (which I say a lot).

Not long ago, while driving home from somewhere, I did a bit of rough math and calculated that I had probably driven this road 2,800 or more times since we first built Peace Ledge. And, on good weather days, I have run the 6.2 miles *if* I can get my wife, Gail, to come and get me at the other end. You ask why don't I run three miles down and three miles back?

Because the last three miles would be all uphill. I am not stupid.

You can take it to the bank. I know this road very, very well.

I know every curve, every undulation and hill, every place where a dog lives who loves to ambush cars (or runners). I know the old cemeteries (where Revolutionary War dead are buried), the several ponds, and the site of an old 19th century church that burned 100 years ago leaving only its granite front steps as a reminder of its one-time existence.

All of this road acumen came in very handy this morning at 4:45 when I was driving into Concord to join a group of men for whom I have been a sort of spiritual director every Monday morning for the past two years. One of the densest fogs I have ever seen fell on our countryside during the night, and visibility could not have been more than fifty feet. And that's being charitable. On any other road, I would have turned around immediately and returned home.

But this morning I kept going *because I know this road so well*. All I had to concern myself with was the remote possibility of coming up behind another car (at 4:45 a.m.?) and not seeing it in time. But as for the road: *no problem*. The car almost steered itself as if we were on instruments.

More than 2,800 times driving this road when conditions are ideal prepared me for a moment like this morning when visibility was almost non-existent.

It occurred to me as I poked through the fog (I was in a reflective mood) that this is why one worships in the sanctuary week in and week out. And this is why one retreats into personal devotional exercises day in and day out. And this is why one journals, reads, sings, and prays. The almost daily repetition of devotional exercise—like driving my road—is, most of all, preparation for a day when other kinds of fog will roll in and threaten to paralyze life. And—trust me on this—the fog will roll in! It certainly rolled in for Jesus on the cross, and caused him to cry out to the Father, "Why have you forsaken me?" For a moment, it was as if all visibility was at zero.

But the Son of God pushed on ahead in his suffering because he knew, even if he was momentarily blinded, *what was on the road and that the Father was out there ... in the fog*. This is why his last words would be, "Into your hands I place my spirit."

Let's be honest. One does not normally engage in spiritual exercise if one is seeking fun, novelty, or even adrenaline highs. Much day-in, day-out spiritual activity is a kind of *work*, a discipline (done in quiet and without immediate reward) and it is easy to avoid or put off to times when we believe we will be less busy or distracted. But ask yourself: *When will that be?* These thoughts, the product of a slow drive on a fog-bound road this morning, helped me to make new sense out of phrases such as "He went up to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, *as was his custom*." (Luke 4) and "Early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed" (Mark 1).

If you ask me, the Savior was, on both occasions, acquainting himself with the road. That's why, when the fog settled in on other occasions and others wanted quit, he just kept on driving. He knew where he was going.

From William Barclay: In Shaw's play *St. Joan*, young Joan hears voices from God. The Dauphin is annoyed. "Oh, your voices, your voices," he said. "Why don't the voices come to me? I am king, not you."

"They do come to you," said Joan, "but you do not hear them. You have not sat in the field in the evening listening for them. When the angelus rings, you cross yourself and have done with it; but if you prayed from your heart, and listened to the thrilling of the bells in the air after they stop ringing, you would hear the voices as well as I do."

Abraham Joshua Heschel: Greek philosophy began in a world without God. It could not accept the (mythical) gods or the example of their conduct. Plato had to break with the gods and ask: *What is good?* Thus the problem of values was born. And it was the idea of values that took the place of God. Plato lets Socrates ask: *What is good?* But Moses' question was: *What does God require of thee?*



Hi All,

This month is one of transitions. Whether that is going to school for the first time, transitioning from one level of school to another, or going from school into the world of work there are many things changing.

For the youngsters that are going to school for first time it usually means going from a relatively unstructured world to a more structured one. What do you remember about kindergarten? I remember that there was no more playing in the sandbox all day. I had to take a nap when everyone else did on the rugs. There was a really cool wooden train and car set that we got to play with. Yes, those wooden trains and cars did exist long before they had the Thomas the Tank Engine toys. Then there was show and tell, the stuff that we brought in was sure important to us at the time. Now I can not even remember anything that I brought in. Of course kindergarten was not "real" school, we would have to wait until 1st grade before we went every day to school.

Interestingly enough going from 3rd to 4th grade was a big deal in my school. You see when you went into 4th grade you went upstairs with the big kids. 4th grade was also unfortunately the year that my friends taught me how to swear. That did not go over well with my Mom and Dad.

Going to junior high was the next big move although it was not too bad since the elementary school and the junior high did share parts of each other's buildings. Then it was time for my sophomore year and high school. I would consider myself lucky because the same year that we moved to the high school is the same year that the freshmen started going there too. Since we were not the youngest, the upper classmen tended to pick on the freshmen and leave the sophomores alone.

My transition from high school to college was the biggest change. Ultimately I dropped out of college to take care of my wife and new baby daughter. Looking back I should have stayed in school. I was young enough and had enough energy to do it. Looking back the lesson that I learned here was not to wait 20 years before going back to school. You see this fall I start another transition in my life as I start online classes through Grand Canyon University. I am going to finally finish (with a lot of help from God) my degree. My first two classes are New Testament History and Old Testament History. I may have to take Spanish at some point if my 4 years of high school and 1 year of college French do not take care of the foreign language requirement. Fortunately Karissa has agreed to tutor me as she is in her third year of high school level Spanish.

This month we also transition from summer to fall on September 23rd. Some parents are watching as a son or daughter starts school for the first time while others send their children off to college. Football starts, baseball starts to wind down as we approach the World Series in October, NASCAR and the Hus Racing League are down to the last couple of months for the year, and we will honor those who lost their lives 6 years ago on 9/11. Our lives are shaped by what we do and the things that happen around us. The one thing that we can count on in life is change. As you transition from one stage of life to another always remember that there is one thing that will never change ... God is always there watching over us and taking care of us. God never changes. God is the same now as He was in the beginning and as He will be in the future. Take time to thank God and your parents for the things, little and big, that they do for you each day.

Because of Him ~ Terry

20-21 But there's far more to life for us. We're citizens of high heaven! We're waiting the arrival of the Savior, the Master, Jesus Christ, who will transform our earthly bodies into glorious bodies like his own. He'll make us beautiful and whole with the same powerful skill by which he is putting everything as it should be, under and around him.

Philippians 3:20-21 (MSG)

Upcoming Meetings - September

- Movie night is back! Join us on September 5th for "Snow Dogs". Get to the youth room early for a seat as we will start at 5:15 PM with prayer, pizza, pop, and the movie. Please bring \$3 to help cover cost of the pizza and pop.
- On the 12th, 19th, and 26th we will gather from 5:45 to 6:45 PM.

Events not scheduled yet will be announced as far in advance as possible so you can make plans to attend.

Upcoming Events

September

3 rd	Labor Day
8 th	2007 HRL Race #8. Registration at 9:30 AM. Racing at 10 AM.
9 th	Grandparents Day
11 th	Patriot Day
23 rd	Fall begins
24 th	Youth Ministry Parents Meeting, 7 PM
26 th	See You at the Pole (times vary by school)

Fellowship Activity: To Be Announced

Every Monday: Youth Prayer Time, 7 PM from where ever you are.

Every Wednesday: Day and time for the Marion Bible Study has yet to be determined.

Every Friday: Breakfast Clubs are about to start for the 2007-2008 school year. Day and time have yet to be determined.

Times subject to change.

A Moment With God

Hi God,

Me again. Just wanted to thank You for all that you do for me. Life has been really hectic lately. One friend has left for college and others have taken jobs out of state and are moving away. Watch over them during this transition in life and keep them safe. Even if I do not see them here again it is comforting to know that I will see them in heaven which is another thing I thank you for. You are awesome God. He me make it through each day and the changes that come with it. I pray this in Your Son Jesus' precious name, Amen.

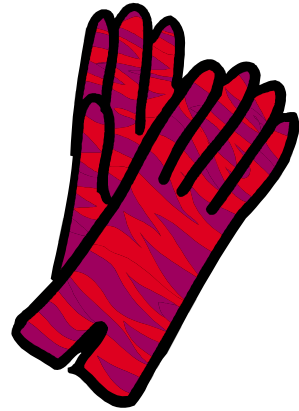


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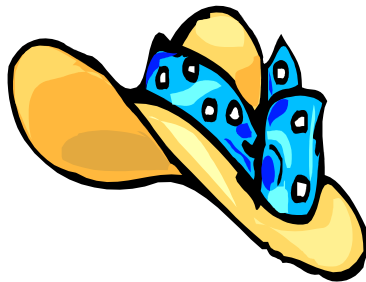
Rummage, Craft and Bake Sale

October 4th - 5th



Thursday, October 4th : 8 AM – 4:30 PM

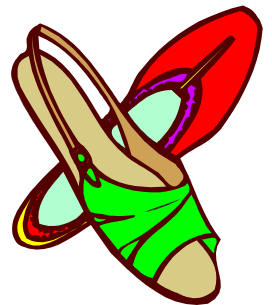
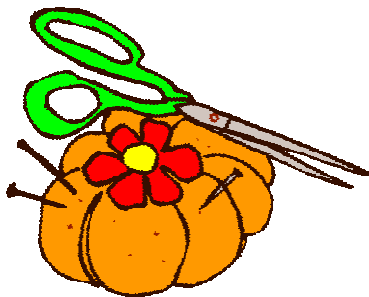
Friday, October 5th : 8 AM – 2 PM



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**Good, Clean Merchandise
Craft and Bake Sale items too**



A **Share the HOPE We Have Within Us Freedom** workshop!

This *Relational Evangelism Workshop* is offered by the Serve The City coalition and the Mission America Coalition (MAC)

Two sessions are being offered, both on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and held at Oakland Nazarene, 3000 42nd St. N. E. Part One is on September 10th with Part Two on September 17th

Training will be lead by Rev. Dallas Anderson of the Mission America Coalition and the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism. **Why attend?** We have engaged in PRAYER for 1, 3, 5 or more individuals on our bookmarks and then on the walls. We have had, or will have, God given opportunities to CARE for them. We now have an opportunity to prepare to SHARE the Hope we have within us in a natural way. Be bold, make a decision to get rid of the fear of the "E" word and attend this equipping opportunity.



YOUR UNIFIED MISSION GIVING IN ACTION

The 82 Churches of the Presbytery
of East Iowa in Mission Together

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

On June 1st a tornado and severe thunderstorms swept through eastern Iowa prompting Gov. Chet Culver to declare a disaster emergency for Louisa and Muscatine counties. Unified Mission Giving dollars were used to dispatch a presbytery staff person along with a representative from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to the counties affected by the storms. After a tour of the damaged areas, PEIA staff wrote a grant proposal to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance which resulted in a \$10,000 award with the promise of up to \$100,000 in grant monies to get Muscatine and Louisa counties back on their feet. Your UMG dollars, which support presbytery staff, generated a two-fold return, first, by enabling an immediate response to provide financial help and, secondly, the ability to access additional monies through a PC(USA) mission organization.



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

Join Other Presbyteries on Gulf Coast Mission Trip

Work side by side with other Presbyterians from Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota in the continuing effort to clean up the post-Katrina gulf coast area from January 19-26, 2008. For more information, visit our web site www.pbbyeastia.org/events/pres_events.html

In order to register and receive a trip fact sheet, contact Vicki Thordsen, Presbytery of North Central Iowa, vthordsen@presbynciowa.org. Sign up is on a first-come basis. Deadline to register is November 20, 2007.

Rotational Sunday School Exploring God's World

Hus Church Sunday School Starts on Sunday, Sept. 9,
2007! We will have class from 10:45am-11:30am.

**KIDS AGES 3-5TH
GRADE WILL MEET
IN THE SCRIPTURE
SAFARI ROOM.
FROM THERE,
WE'LL DIRECT THE
KIDS TO THEIR
STATION FOR THE
DAY.**

In rotational
Sunday School
this fall, we will
be studying the
life of Moses!

The Stations:

Imagination Island:
Creative Art

Bible Broadway:
Drama

Movies on the Mount:
Video

SCRIPTURE
SAFARI:
Bible Exploration

Polar PC:
Computers

WE'RE ADDING A
NEW CLASS THIS
YEAR FOR MIDDLE
SCHOOL KIDS!
THEY HAVE THEIR
OWN ROOM AND
CINDY WILL BE
THEIR TEACHER!

Youth in
High School
will meet in the
Youth Room
for
Sunday School
with Marcia,
Terry and Diane.



A lifestyle—not an event!
A culture—not a program!
A way of being His Church!

“Serve Christ” by “Serving the City”

Tuesday, August 14, 2007

To: Serve The City partners!

Step 2 of 2
Relational Evangelism Training

Subject: Relational Evangelism (RET) Training – Monday, September 10th & 17th!!

Equipping followers of Christ to be WITNESSES of HIS grace to those they see on a daily basis!

Feel free to forward this pertinent information to everyone on your leadership team

We began sharing about this great adventure in May and the Relational Evangelism Training is now upon us. Four months of planning and we are here! If you have been pressed to recruit during the summer, we have [27 days](#) to do so now. Bulletin inserts and bulletin announcements forthcoming.

When: Two Monday nights, September 10th for part I & September 17th for part II.
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Where: Oakland Church of the Nazarene
Trainer: Rev. Dallas Anderson of the Mission America Coalition and the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism.

Who should attend? *This is for [everyone](#) in your congregation or ministry. We have seating for 400. This is for anyone and everyone that wants to communicate Christ with others.* Those that attend the AGE training would naturally want to take these two workshops in also.

How many can you send? Consider a goal of at least 10 % of your congregation.

Benefit:

Why would this be good training to come to/send someone to?

1. It will be supportive of everything the Pastor has been teaching on evangelism.
 2. RET will build confidence to live as a daily witness – released from fear of the “E” word!
 3. This training is relevant to ALL your members/attendees whether mature or new to the faith.
 4. RET will equip members to share in their spheres of influence.
 5. RET will equip them to be a 24/7 kind of a witness.
 6. RET will provide your members with ideas on ‘how to’ *do something*, not be hearers only. (James)
- RET will empower church members to recognize potential witnessing opportunities much more often and much more quickly.

Please reply concerning those that will be attending from your congregations or ministry!
Give us the correct spelling for each person you are registering.

Serving Christ by Serving The City *together!*
Your Brother Charles

“Seek the Welfare of the City where I have sent you” Jeremiah 29:7

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Populating Heaven through World Missions

We are getting excited about camp. It's coming soon and we are praying!

Car needed for Village Evangelism!

Prayer & Praise

PRAISE

- ✦ Safety in USA.
- ✦ Wonderful wedding!
- ✦ Saw so many of you!

PRAYER REQUEST

- ✦ Teaching English Camp July 30-Aug. 6. Enemy doesn't want it, many spiritual battles.
- ✦ Continue with Polish learning. It seems like we have a plan and it's better, thanks and keep praying.
- ✦ God's provisions for a ministry car.

The Borne Team is talking and starting to plan toward going into the outlying villages to do evangelism. How would we get out to the villages? Transportation is the first necessity. Jan and I are seriously sensing the need to purchase a car to help enhance our ministry. Plus a car would be a great ministry tool to help people, since very few people have their own car and they need help to get to certain places at times.

We want to thank those who have committed to our monthly support for three years and feel that possibly you might feel maxed to be asked for any more support. Also we want to thank those who have given us a one year monthly commitment and hope prayerfully that you will recommit to at least one more year. For those of you who have just started to receive our monthly newsletter, we would like to challenge you to join our mission's team as a financial supporter. We would like to invite you to help us to be able to purchase a ministry car.

I hope this is enough information for you to make a decision RIGHT NOW, TODAY! before you set this letter down. We are under a little time pressure. A missionary is leaving the field and wanting to sell us his car. The car is: 1999 Citroen XSARA; engine - 1/6 liter gasoline; 140,000 KM; 40 miles per gallon. He wants to sell the car by early September for \$4000.

Would you all please pray that God would move enough hearts that would help us to purchase this car. If you have decided to help us today please give us a call or email us to tell us this great news: phone 319-892-3424 or e-mail kamckinnon@yahoo.com. This step will help us to keep track of reaching our goal of \$4000. Please put your check into the enclosed envelope and mail it today. *Thank you.*



Evangelistic English Language Camp

July 30-August 6, a team from America is coming to teach Evangelistic English to our Polish people. Sam Henson, from Cedar Rapids, is coming (first one to come from our supporting churches) and we are so excited to have him. On Saturday the Borne team will leave to meet and welcome the American short term missionaries to Poland. Pray for travel mercies for both coming and going, and for great health for everyone, especially those dealing with jetlag.

We are expecting about 150 nationals with 30 American Staff. Pray for wisdom for how to divide the nationals up and which Americans should help lead each group. Each day at camp will start early and go late expending lots of energy.

Pray for Satan to be kept out, for great unity among the staff and nationals, for open hearts to the gospel, and for great friendships to be built with the nationals. Pray that the weather would not be too hot for sleeping or too rainy for afternoon hikes and activities. Pray that many of these nationals will be fruitful contacts for the upcoming year. Pray for people come to Christ, for spiritual battles, and for our health.

WE ARE BACK AND REARING TO KEEP LEARNING POLISH AND POPULATE HEAVEN!

We thought it might be hard to go back to Borne but it wasn't. It was truly going "back home." It was nice to get back to our own bed and not be living out of suitcases. It was nice to not feel like we must "run" day and night to see people. Even though we really loved every minute of the meeting times, it is nice to get back into our routine of studying Polish and preparing training material to teach. We would like to start "Equipping University – To Equip Others" on Sunday morning before the Worship Service. Pray that the team will like the idea and for wisdom regarding what and how to teach. I don't want it to be just an "information dump" time but want it to be structured to impact their lives. Plus have them make a commitment to "pass it on" to at least one other person.



Thank you also for coming to our "Open Houses" and spending your time with us. Thanks so very much for your very special love.

We want to say from the bottom of our hearts, "THANK YOU VERY MUCH" for making the effort to come to our wedding. You will never know how much that meant to us.

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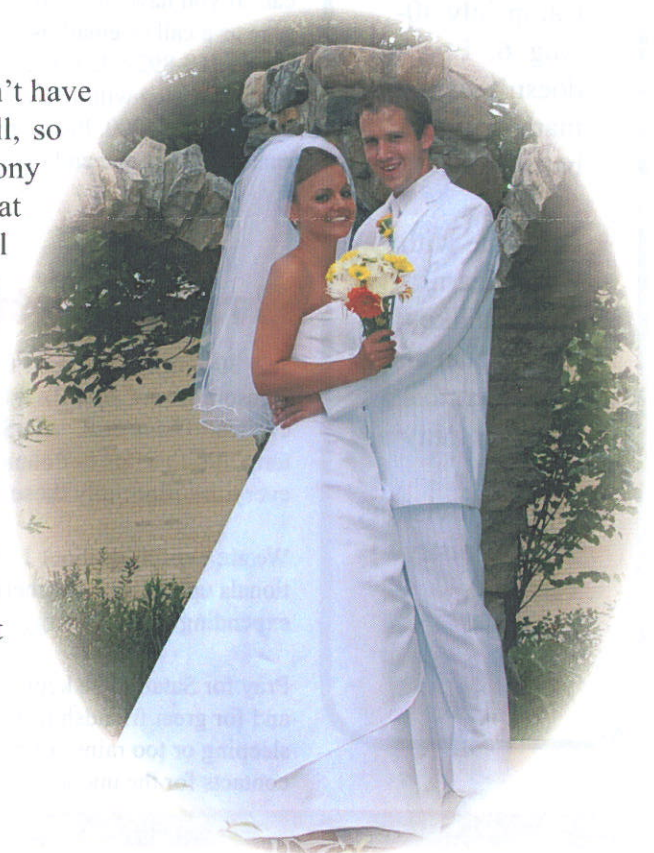
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FAMILY NEWS

Thank you for your prayers for the wedding – as parents we couldn't have been blessed more. It was a beautiful day, everything went well, so many family and friends attended, Kent made it though the ceremony tender but not teary, Kyle gave his sister a personal challenge that was heart-felt, Krystal blessed me with a flower and a wonderful prayer during the ceremony, and Noel (Krystal's sister) made it to the wedding after many delays and canceled flights. We had a home given to us to stay at as a family. Kyle and his family came with six-hour time zones ahead and Noel had six-hour time zones behind Indiana time and so the house was wonderful to have room for everyone to be about in their own time zone.

Nathan is a quality guy who loves the Lord and our daughter. He has a wonderful family that welcomed us so warmly. Nathan and Krystal will live in Minneapolis. Krystal will teach kindergarten at a Christian school and Nathan will work for Northwest Airlines.

Kent & Jan



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Sharing the Blessings!

September Hus Happenings

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WOW Schedule

Mission of Hope

Sep. 29th at 6:30 PM

Nov. 17th at 6:30 PM

Dec. 29th at 6:30 PM



For more information call us at 319-363-0067, email us at huschurch@huschurch.org, or visit us on the web at www.huschurch.org.



Mark your calendars!
Sunday school begins
on September 9th from
10:45 AM – 11:30 AM.
More details inside.

A Gathering of Shepherds

Everyone is invited on
September 10th at 7 PM.

